

Finance and Administration Cabinet Newsletter

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# Secretary's Message for KECC, Kickoff Soon

After 20 years of caring and giving through the Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign (KECC), countless stories can be told about lives made better due to the generosity of KY state employees. Whether it is providing care for hospice patients, supplies for families after disasters, or backpacks of food for school-age children each weekend, state employees lend a helping hand to those with overwhelming need and few resources. Across the Commonwealth, chances are quite good that you, your family or someone you know has been touched by a KECC program.

I am proud to ask that you, the Finance and Administration Cabinet, join me and demonstrate that "together we care." The Finance Cabinet fund-raising goal is \$110,127 this year. Whether you choose the ease of a KECC payroll deduction or a one-time cash donation, your gift changes lives. If you haven't already done so, you will receive a KECC



Brightly colored KECC bracelets available from agency coordinators. \$1 gets you the color of your choice!

donation form in the coming days. You will also be invited to fund-raising events in your agency. Please participate to the extent you can.

I look forward to reporting progress toward meeting our goal in the coming weeks – and thank you in advance for lending a hand to our most needy citizens by supporting the work of more than 1,000 charitable programs through KECC. Your gifts, no matter the size, make a difference.

### **KECC Calendar of Events – Click Here**

## **List of KECC Agency Coordinators – Click Here**

#### **DOR Struts Its Stuff!**

Recently, officials from the Louisiana Department of Revenue's Office of Debt Recovery and the Attorney General's Office visited Kentucky's Department of Revenue. The Aug.13 visit gave DOR a chance to tout its Enterprise Collections Program, one of the most successful in the country. Lawmakers in Louisiana (LA) recently passed legislation authorizing a centralized debt collections program, so LA officials were seeking out advice on setting up such a system and seeing how Kentucky's system works.

Officials spent the day with KY Division of Collections personnel hearing about how the division collects money for 12 state agencies currently participating in the program. For FY13, this program collected \$17 MM. Benefits to participating agencies include not having to hire and train staff to collect

monies owed to them, and being able to focus more on providing core services to citizens.

Kentucky was the second stop for the LA group and they indicated it was extremely worthwhile.

Douglas Baker with the LA group said, "A task force comprised of LDR and AG personnel is working to bring the Office of Debt Recovery into full operation. Our site visit to Kentucky was important as this state is a best-in-class reference. This visit proved to be a valuable opportunity to discuss the lessons Kentucky learned from its implementation. These ideas confirmed our current plan and will expedite our own implementation. Many thanks go to Mack Gillim, and Tammy Watts for their informative presentations."

### **From the Personnel Desk**

#### **FLU SHOTS**

The Dept. of Employee Insurance (DEI) is pleased to announce that once again all health plan members can receive a **FREE** flu shot Sept. 1 through Nov. 30, 2013.

Flu shots are available at a variety of participating provider locations including doctors' offices, health clinics, retail pharmacies, local health departments and other medical providers (i.e. Humana and Express Script innetwork). DEI will also be offering free flu shots, on a first-come, first-served basis at benefit fairs in October.



Members who have the Waiver HRA may receive the flu shot and use their HumanaAccess Visa Debit card for payment if funds are available in their account.

#### **KHRIS Updates**

- Ever forget your password or user ID? Now with a new tool for Employee Self Service (ESS) users, that won't be a problem. Recently the "Forgot KHRIS User ID" tool was launched.
- ➤ During Open Enrollment (Oct. 1 31), Dept. of Employee Insurance will communicate with the Kentucky Employee Health Plan members on various topics via email. You will only receive the emails if you have a valid work email address in KHRIS and it matches the email address entered.
- Employees are asked to go into KHRIS ESS, check the email address, and update if needed. It is very important to keep information such as home address, phone number and email address up to date for contact purposes. Following are steps to update:
  - Go to khris.ky.gov
  - · Enter your User ID and password
  - Click on Addresses (under Personal Information)
  - Click Edit
  - Make the Changes
  - Click Review
  - Click Save
  - Log Off (top right hand corner of the screen)

# **KECC Golf Scramble at Juniper Hills, Sept. 13**



Don't delay—make your reservations to play in the upcoming KECC golf scramble at Juniper Hill Golf Course. The morning session shot gun start begins at 8:30 a.m. The afternoon session starts at 1 p.m. Lunch is at noon. Cost is \$50 per person. Lots of prizes and loads of fun.

**To register contact:** Kristi Sharp, Kristi.sharp@ky.gov or Jennifer Linton, Jennifer.linton@ky.gov Click here for flyer.

# Secretary's Office KECC Photo Scavenger Challenge

Get out and about in Frankfort with the Secretary's Office Photo Scavenger hunt for KECC!

Each week, beginning Sept. 5, a picture of an architectural element or facility photo from a state building or location will be included in *Current FACts*. Each week, all FAC employees to correctly identify the location (or maybe the perspective from where the picture was taken), will be put into a random drawing. The weekly winner will have \$10 donated in their name to KECC from the Secretary's Office. At the end of KECC, all weekly winners will be entered into a random drawing for a grand prize—a \$100 VISA or Kroger gift card. You can enter each week unless you were previously chosen as a weekly winner.

Send your answers to Robin Morley at <a href="mailto:robin.morley@ky.gov">robin.morley@ky.gov</a>.

Many thanks to Garth Vinson and Tim Depenbrock of the Landscape Branch who are helping with photo shoots!

### **Send Us Your News and Announcements!**

We want to hear about your news and updates. To submit information or articles, please send to Pamela.trautner@ky.gov.